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UPGRADATION OF MAIL /EXPRESS TRAINS INTO SUPERFAST CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the points taken into consideration to upgrate express and mail trains into superfast category alongwith their average speed;

(b) the details of the mail/express trains upgraded into superfast category during the last three years and proposed to be upgraded during 2007-08 and the number of stoppages decreased in each case;

(c) the various norms fixed for the superfast trains;

(d) the total number of superfast passenger trains out of the above mentioned trains which are running as per the norms of superfast trains;

(e) the number of coaches decreased/increased in each of the new superfast train; and

(f) the details of percentage increase in fare per kilometre on upgrading mail/express trains into superfast trains ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Trains, whose average speed on the entire run in both Up & Dn directions is minimum 55 kmph on Broad Gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge, are designated as superfast trains.

(b): Speeding of trains and converting to them into superfast category is an ongoing process over Indian Railways. Details of trains upgraded as superfast by speeding up during last three years and number of stoppages decreased are given at Appendix.

(c): Average speed in both up and down direction is the only norm fixed for declaring the trains as superfast trains.

(d): All of the upgraded superfast trains are running as per norms.

(e): Details are at Appendix.

(f): The percentage increase in fare per kilometre on average lead is between 0.01% to 0.03 % for different classes.